



St. Paul's Quarterly Newsletter
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worcester Parish
3 Church Street, Berlin, Maryland 21811

Advent/Christmas Edition

Dear Parish Family:

I did not expect to be writing an Advent/Christmas Newsletter article to you, but surprise! I am going to be at St. Paul's for a while longer. It is a long story and the information will be shared in another mailing that the Wardens and I are planning for the near future. But it was important to send you the Advent information now, since by the time you get this, Advent will have already begun.

I was recently on retreat with the Oratory of the Good Shepherd. During that retreat I began thinking about the connection of the unexpectedness of my current situation and the unexpectedness in the stories we remember during this time of the year. Certainly it was unexpected to the Blessed Virgin Mary to have an angel show up one day and tell her that she had been chosen by God to give birth to His Son. It was unexpected to Elizabeth when Mary arrived for a visit and to have her baby (John the Baptist) leap in her womb at Mary's greeting. It was also unexpected that towards the end of her pregnancy that Mary and Joseph would have to leave the comfort of their home to travel to Bethlehem because of a census.

I came to the conclusion that there are so many unexpected things in life. The real test for us is how we are going to react. I find that I first react by "freezing" – my mind needs to take in the unexpected. But once I live with it for a little while, I begin to think about how it is that I will change my plans or thinking to accommodate the unexpected.

Perhaps you can think about how it is that you react to the unexpected in life and remember that the very event that we are preparing to celebrate (although it was foretold in scripture) was unexpected by the world.

Blessed Advent and Holy Christmas,

The Rev'd Michael D. Moyer OGS



Christmas Boxes for Hope4 Recovery

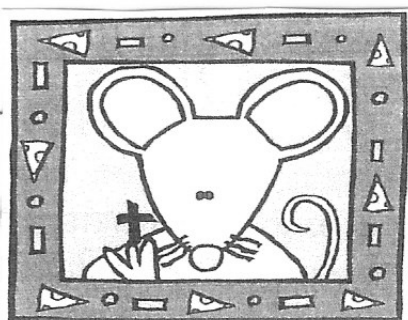
The Ocean Cluster continues our relationship with Hope4Recovery House in Berlin by bringing a monthly supper to the residents. For Christmas, we are going to make Christmas Boxes and we need your help! Donations are needed: Athletic Socks, Toothpaste, Toiletries, Candy, and Stocking Stuffers. If you would like to donate money, cash is preferred (mark envelope with Christmas Boxes) or make checks out to your Church with Christmas Boxes in the Memo. We will be collecting from 14 November thru 12 December. We will deliver the boxes in time for Christmas! Thank you for your help.

CHURCH MOUSE

Like any business, we have had to make adjustments during the past year while dealing with COVID. Our days open have changed. We are open Wednesday through Saturday (no longer are open on Mondays or Tuesdays). The hours remain the same as before 11 AM to 3 PM.

Just a reminder if you are donating. Please check first with Helen on what we need. We spend a lot of time disposing of donations we can not use. Also we prefer for you to take items to Helen's house and not the store. It is easier for not only us but due to the parking issue in town, you may end up lugging donations several blocks. Helen's contact 443-513-6655.

"And another friendly reminder, only seasonal clothes, no text books, manuals etc. No large items, VCR tapes. We are a very small store with no storage. Your cooperation is appreciated."



Advent Events 2021



Advent I

Sunday, 29 November

Great Litany at both Services
Interactive Sermon at both services
Soprano Soloist at 10:30 service

Advent II

Saturday, 11 December

Virtual Advent Tea*
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Advent III

Sunday, 12 December

8:30 — Advent Lessons and Canticles
10:30 — Advent Lessons and Carols

Advent IV

Saturday, 18 December

Ocean Cluster assembles
Christmas Boxes for Hope4Recovery House*

Sunday, 19 December

Duet at 10:30 service

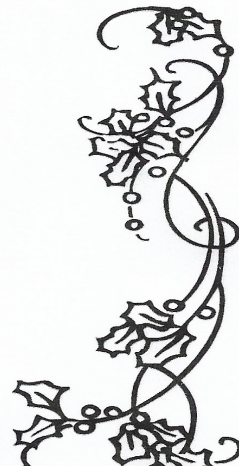
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Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist (Incense)

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(Said Eucharist, No Music)

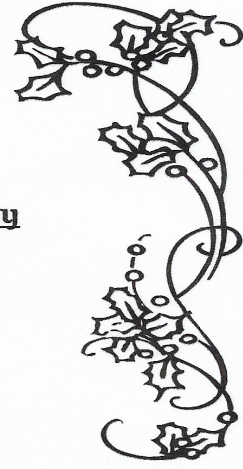


*Details on other pages of this newsletter!



Sunday, 26 December
One Service at 9:30

Thursday, 6 January
Celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
Incense will be used.



What a wonderful way to observe advent and also help those people who need our love and support.

Directions:
Each day add an item to the box and then donate to a food bank or family in need!



Christmas Memorials

Memorials for Poinsettias* and Greens...Remember your loved ones with a donation to St. Paul's Flower Guild. All donations will be used to buy the decorations for our Church for Christmas.

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Church – Flower Guild – and either place in the offering plate or send to P.O. Box 429, Berlin MD 21811. The deadline for contributions is Thursday, 9 December. Please indicate how you want your donation listed. Thank you.



* The Poinsettias which are purchased range in price from \$5.00 - \$10.00

Christmas Memorials

Your Name _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

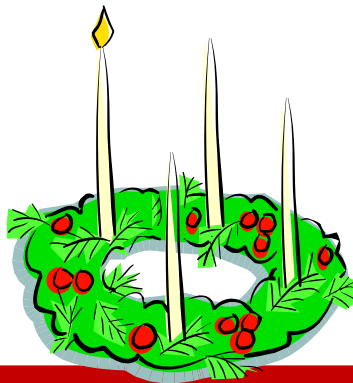
or, In Thanksgiving for: _____



**St. Paul's 6th Advent Tea.
Saturday, December 11, 2021
1:00 PM on Zoom**

**Ladies and Gentlemen, invite your
Friends, relatives and neighbors,
Bring out your favorite teapot
and china, to show on screen
And join us for an afternoon of
Friendship, good food,
entertainment, Songs.**

**Sign up on the zoom chart in the
Narthex or email
Carol Vaughan at carolv1962@yahoo.com
To register to receive the link
For the zoom invitation or
for information.**





December Birthdays

- 2 *Lauren Fsham*
- 6 *Dick Brown*
Cindy Bratten
- 8 *Bunky Schul*
- 11 *Wade Wellman*
- 17 *Cathy O'Neill*
- 18 *Sabra McIntosh*
- 20 *Gail Whaley*
James Angstadt
- 22 *Harrison Beckstead*
- 25 *James Hall*

January Birthdays

- 7 *Claire Fsham*
- 8 *Sasha Moyer*
- 9 *Parker McIntosh*
- 11 *Nicholas Lehman*
- 14 *Garrett Cook*
- 21 *Sara Reid*
- 22 *Betsy Abel*
- 23 *Susan Hutchinson*
- 24 *Susan Wimbrow*
- 29 *Lorraine Westrope*

February Birthdays

- 5 *Bill Mariner*

- 6 *John Westrope*
Skip Smith
- 8 *Austin Main*
- 11 *Douglass Cook*
- 18 *Nancy Cummins*
- 20 *Bonnie Wooten*
- 22 *Gloria Fsham*
- 24 *Bob Abel*
- 25 *Paula Lynch*
- 26 *Roger Pacella*
Blair Ranneberger



December Anniversaries

- 1 *Bob & Dianne St. Clair*
- 17 *Col. & Mrs. James Short*
John & Lorraine Westrope
- 20 *Douglass & Lisa Cook*
- 22 *Fr. Michael Moyer, Priest*
- 27 *Franklin & Paula Lynch*
- 28 *Ray & Leslie Coates, Jr.*
- 31 *Billy & Gloria Fsham*

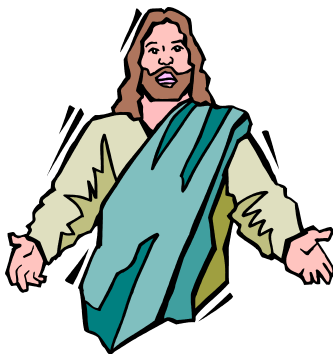
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- 10 *George & Susan DeGroft*

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to offer and nourish a relationship with God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, through worship, outreach, fellowship, and study.

Vestry and Officers

Senior Warden: Sarah Hooper, Junior Warden: Dave Hammond
Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members: Bob Abel Bill Blackmore Jerry Freeman
Dave Hammond Patty Hammond Sarah Hooper Deb Ritz